के दौरान कुल 243 व्यक्ति मरे थे।

(ख) और (ग) जम्मू और कश्मीर सरकार ने उन 151 व्यक्तियों जिनके शवों की शिनाख्त हो चुकी है, के परिवारों को अनुग्रहपूर्वक राहत का भुगतान करने के लिए विभिन्न राज्य सरकारों को अब तक 302 लाख रुपये जारी किए हैं। मृत तीर्थ यात्रियों के रिश्तेदारों को अनुग्रहपूर्वक राहत का संवितरण संबंधित जिला कलेक्टरों के माध्यम से किया जा रहा है। शवों की पहचान करने तथा मृत तीर्थ यात्रियों के निकट संबंधी का पता लगाने में राज्य तंत्र के समक्ष आने वाली व्यावहारिक कठिनाइयों के कारण इन परिवारों को मुआवजे का भुगतान करने में देर हुई है। राज्य तंत्र को सलाह दी गई है कि वे फोटो आदि को प्रकाशित कर व्यापक प्रचार करके इस समस्या पर काबू पाए जिससे कि परिवारों द्वारा मृत तीर्थ यात्रियों की पहचान करने में आसानी हो तथा मृतक के निकट संबंधी को यथाशीघ्र भुगतान किया जा सके।

Permission sought by the Government of Gujarat to raise coastal Home Guards Battalions

2675. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gujarat Government has requested for permission to raise two battalions of Home Guards to enable the local authorities for strengthening the Coastal security; and

(b) if so, the decision taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The proposal is under examination.

Refugees in different parts of the country

2676. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of refugees from Tibet, Bangladesh, Burma, Sirlanka and other neighbouring countries who have taken refuge in different parts of the country;

(b) the extent to which their numbers have sweeled through natural demographic process, during their stay over the years and how many have since acquired Indian citizenship; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by Government to ensure their repatriation to their respective home State indicating stage at which the negotiations with respective countries stand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

New lottery system

2677. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a new lottery system launched or proposed to be launched by certain State Governments like Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, called the on-line lottery system to replace the conventional paper lotteries; and

(b) if so, whether the Central Government have laid any guidelines for award of licences and operating the on-line lottery system, under entry 40 of the